

The Manse
First Presbyterian Church on-the-Green
Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey

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Owner: The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church

Date of Erection: 1800-1810

Architect:

Builder: Caleb Davis

Present Condition: Very good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel with dormers

Historical Data:

The house was erected somewhere between 1800-1810 by Caleb Davis, a member of one of the old families in the Newark section. From Caleb Davis the house passed to Caleb S. his son. It remained in the hands of the Davis family until Polhemus Lyon, administrator for the estate of Caleb S. Davis, sold to Mary C. Barrett. This is recorded in two deeds - one in 1889 and another in 1891. Mary C. Barrett and her husband Malsey sold in 1919 to Morgan Hughes. The property was conveyed to the

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present owners by Mina Thompson Hughes, the widow of Morgan Hughes, in 1927.

Locally, the house is known as the Davis-Brower House. However, there is no indication of any Brower ownership; Brower was a son-in-law of Caleb S. Davis and occupied the house for many years which accounts for the use of the name.

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